

Digital Submission & Coronavirus

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Impact on Land Registration

- **Closure of offices to paper applications**
- **Ad-hoc by e-mail for genuinely urgent cases**
- **Portal for receipt of hybrid applications**
- **Existing digital discharge service**
- **Reluctance to adopt digital**

Emergency Legislation

- **Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020**
- **Hybrid approach permitted**
- **Registration of images of traditional paper deeds**
- **Temporary nature of provisions**
- **Widespread positivity around remote submission**

Digital Submission as the norm

- **Introduce current measures on a permanent basis**
- **Possible pathway to full digital registration**
- **Wider use of digital signatures**
- **The ability of the citizen to apply to register**
- **Different approaches across registries**



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